(2) if so, will the Government call for tenders?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*— (1) There is a proposal to redeck the bridge with concrete; but the matter is now only under correspondence with the Malabar District Board.

(2) Does not arise in view of the above.

Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi).*— Has the Malabar District Board any right over this?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*— The bridge touches the British territory and naturally one should expect a moiety of the expenditure from the other party.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*— To whom does that bridge belong?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—At present it has been constructed by the Cochin State and so it belongs to us.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*— Is it not proper that we should repair it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*— Hitherto the bridge was used for the purpose of the Shoranur-Cochin Railway even though it was used for vehicular traffic. That is the reason why we think we ought to take up this matter with the Malabar District Board to see whether they will give us a moiety of the expenditure required.

Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthy).*— Suppose they don't finance?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*— Then we will consider the question afterwards.

Town Hall—Mattancherri.

17. **Mr. M. V. Cherian** *(Mattancherri Town-South).*— (a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government have any idea to give Mattancheri a Town Hall in the near future;

(b) and if so, when?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*— (a) No.

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(b) Does not arise.

Mr. M. V. Cherian *(Mattancheri South).*—Is it because the Government consider that Mattancherry has no necessity for a Town Hall that this answer is given or is it for any other reason?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—Government have at present no idea of constructing a Town Hall there.

Mr. M. V. Cherian *(Mattancheri South).*— Is it because the Government does not feel that there is an urgent necessity for a town Hall there?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*— I want notice.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews Special).*—Does not the Government consider Mattancherry an important town to merit at least the construction of a Town Hall?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*— Unless questions of this nature are asked in the form of a Resolution I cannot say one way or the other.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Mattancheri North).*— Does the Government say that Mattancherry does not deserve a Town Hall there?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*— I think I have already answered the question.

Mr. M. V. Cherian *(Mattancheri South).*— May I know whether the Silver Jubilee funds have been exhausted?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*— So far as I am aware Government have not set apart funds for the construction of Town Halls. They have already sanctioned a Town Hall in Trichur and another for Ernakulam.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Mattancheri North).*— What will be the estimate for a Town Hall?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*— Considering the expenditure for the Town Hall at Trichur it will come to about one lakh of rupees.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews Special).*—If a resolution is moved in the matter, will a Town Hall be constructed?

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Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—Government will be prepared to discuss the matter.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Mattancheri North).*—Will it be a white elephant for Mattancheri to spend one lakh of rupees when the Harbour is finished and Cochin becomes the Queen of the Arabian Sea?

Male Hospital—Mattancheri—completion of.

18. **Mr. Shabdai S. Koder** *(Jews-Special).*—Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for the very long delay in completing the Male Hospital in Mattancheri?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—The construction of the main building was started in November last and will be completed by December 1936. There is no delay in the execution of the work.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews Special)* .—When does the Government propose to open it to the public?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—The construction will be completed within four months. As soon as the construction is over, it will be opened.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews Special)* .—Will it be in January?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—No.

Mr. M. V. Cherian *(Mattancheri South).*—We find that it is to be completed in December.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—The building will be completed in December. It will take another four months.

First bridge—Ernakulam-Hill Palace road—widening of.

19. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon** *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the deepening and widening of the first bridge on the Ernakulam-Hill Palace Road was recommended as an essential piece of work to prevent floods in the adjoining wet lands;

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